


## Metal filter elements and systems



Ensure you the highest performance and quality

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Bekaert is a worldwide leader in selected applications of its two core competences: advanced metal transformation and advanced materials and coatings.

Bekaert provides solutions for the most demanding **filtration** applications. Bekaert is your specialized partner in the design and manufacture of metallic filter elements and filtration systems. Our experience is know-how and expertise guaranteed in all aspects of filtration technology.

We are able to react to any situation and to seek a solution to a specific application. Whether standard or custom made, Bekaert offers you the equipment to perfectly match your quality, productivity, handling and maintenance requirements.

#### **Committed to being your preferred partner**

We want to be a valuable partner in providing products and solutions tailored to your needs. Eager to understand your situation and processes, we see this as a pre-condition for building close partnerships that result in solutions that work for your company.

#### **Imagine what we could do together...**

Your requirements stimulate our passion to innovate.

Our specialists and researchers think along with you to come up with new products and applications. It is our goal to improve your processes and ensure that your products enjoy a longer lifespan and superior properties.

Working in partnership with you to find solutions, we provide a diverse range of high-tech products, systems and services to give you high added value. Our long-term partnerships and co-operative relationships constantly yield new products to renew and extend our product portfolio.

#### **Bekaert is always close by**

Based in Europe with headquarters in Belgium, Bekaert employs 16,400 people in 120 countries. You can find us in most countries worldwide. In case you have specific needs we will be happy to pass by.

# High performance polymer filtration



Benefit from more than 30 years of expertise in the design and manufacture of filter elements and systems. Discover yourself why Bekaert is the leader in filtration for the polymer industry offering the most complete range of products from polymerization to spinning.

## Applications:

- Synthetic fibers (PET, PA, PP, carbon, ...)
- Film (PP, PET, PC, PS, PVBH, PE, ...)
- Non-woven (PP, PET, ...)
- PET bottle
- Extrusion
- Polycarbonate
- Technical polymer of latest generation
- Rubbers and silicones
- Resins and paints
- Hot melts

## Filter elements

Both candles (flat or pleated) and leaf discs can be used in our systems.



## Filter systems

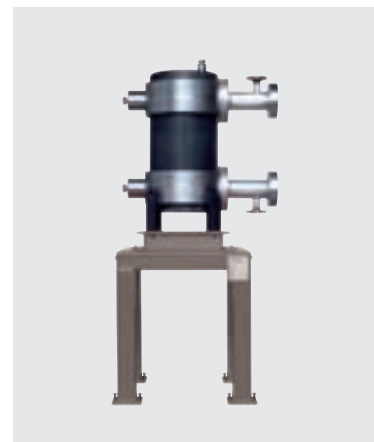
Whether standard or custom made, Bekaert offers you the equipment to perfectly match your quality, productivity, handling and maintenance requirements. The best filter media and the most appropriate filter elements will be used in our monomer, pre-polymer or polymer filter systems. Defy us and we will find the unique solution for your specific application.



Duplex system for a continuous filtration



OFS horizontal system (50-1000 kg/h)



Simplex system

## Spinpack filters and gaskets

Bekaert can provide you with the complete set of elements used in spinpack filtration. This step is critical in the production of synthetic fibers (spinning), and we can really improve and innovate your traditional filtration.



### Gaskets [1]

You can benefit from our metal-to-metal gaskets used in the polymer industry by the diversity of means of production and the quality of our toolings.

Alloys available: aluminium, copper, nickel-plated copper, stainless steel, Inconel®, ...



### Screens [2]

- Any shape or dimensions
- Assembly by spotwelding or frame
- Pleated media available
- Different alloys available
- Also used in extrusion (film, profiles ...)



### Bekaert Optisupport® [3]

is the solution that allows a reduced consumption of filters and an improved quality of filtered polymer. This product is available for most kinds of spinpacks and for all major screenchangers brands.

### Filling sands [4]

We can offer a wide range of material to be used as filling sands in the spinpacks : stainless steel (offering the best shearing), Inconel®, silica, aluminium, glass, ceramic,...



# High-performance gas filtration



Bekaert specializes in the development and manufacture of porous metal filtration solutions. We offer filter media, elements and systems for industrial gas filtration, based on the unique advantages of metal fibre media.

Use our filter systems in your high-temperature and/or corrosive chemical and petrochemical process, for filtration of process and exhaust gases.

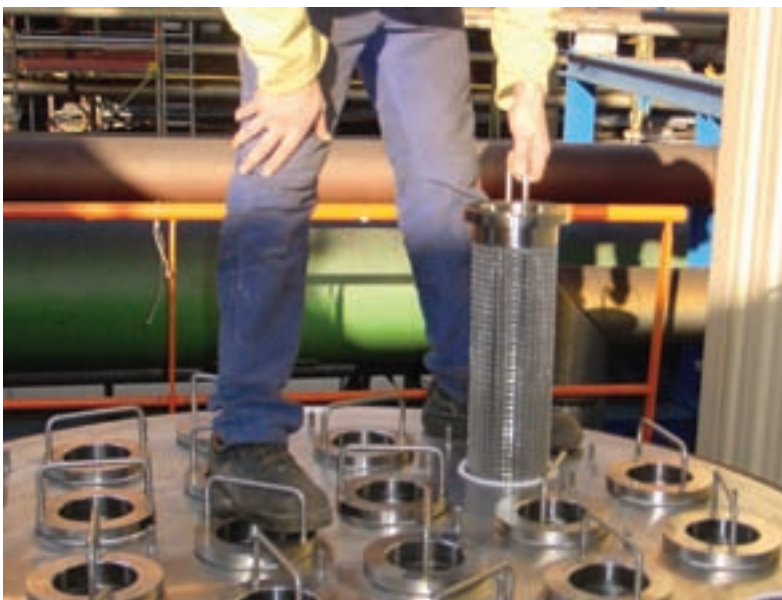
Our systems offer an alternative in situations where high mechanical stability, long lifetime, low pressure drop, easy cleaning and chemical and heat resistance are required.

Filter materials are available with temperature resistance up to 1.000°C

Here are our **primary application areas:**

## Depth filter applications

Depth filtration is used primarily in applications where small dust loads must be separated from a gas stream. The contaminants or particles are captured within the multiple layer structure of the filter medium. Profit from our depth filter systems that combine high temperature and corrosion resistance with high dirt holding capacity and excellent off-line cleaning possibilities – the perfect solution for your applications!



## Benefits

- High permeability: low pressure drop
- High dirt holding capacity: long on-stream lifetime
- Easy to clean (water, chemicals): reusable
- Compact construction: high porosity & pleatable
- Not brittle
- Fully sintered and welded, contains no glues or binders
- Suitable for high temperatures and high pressure applications

## Applications

- Purification of process gases to protect downstream equipments
- Protection of catalysts
- Ammonia and mixed gas filtration in nitric acid production
- Purification of technical gases, e.g. hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen.
- Filtration of steam in pharmaceutical and food and beverage industry.



## Backpulse filter applications

Backpulse surface filtration is the solution for applications where large dust concentrations must be separated from a gas stream. We offer you the finest metal filter media available on today's market. Our backpulse filter systems build a dust cake at the filter surface. The cake is removed at regular intervals using a venturi backpulse or reverse flow process, which allows you to clean the filters online.

## Benefits

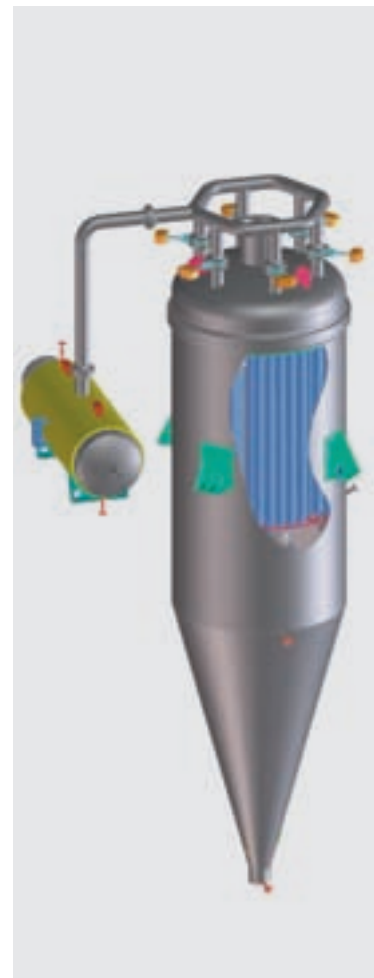
- Very reliable filter material
- Automatic self-cleaning system
- Long on-stream lifetime: no clogging
- No hazardous maintenance
- Extremely high efficiencies; extremely low emission
- Suitable for high temperatures (up to 1.000°C)

## Applications

- Catalyst or product recovery in gas processes
- Protection of downstream equipments
- Venting protection for pneumatic product or catalyst transport
- Filtration of exhaust gases
- Processes where cleaning-in-place (CIP) is applied



Installation of filter elements



Examples of backpulse surface filtration applications. Hot gas filtration on the production of Magnesium Oxide.

# High-performance liquid filtration



Bekaert is your specialized partner in the development and manufacture of porous metal filtration solutions. We offer filter media, elements and systems for industrial liquid processing applications. Enjoy the unique advantages of sintered porous metal.

## Primary application areas:

### Chemical and Petrochemical

- Polishing of corrosive liquids
- Pre-coat filtration
- Catalyst recovery, slurry phase reactors
- High-temperature liquids
- Cryogenic fluids
- Solvents, ketones, esters, liquid hydrocarbons
- Feed water and make-up water
- Ethylene glycol
- High-efficiency solids recovery or liquid recycling

### Food & Beverage

- Process steam filtration
- Catalyst recovery from hydrogenation reactors
- Polishing of syrups, liquors, and other liquids
- Catalyst removal from flavour ingredients and other food specialties
- Activated carbon removal and de-colourisation

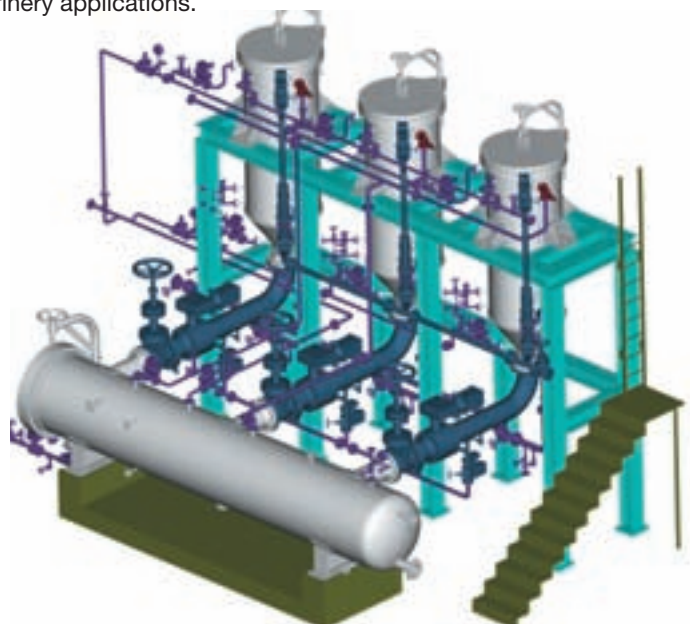
### Pharmaceutical

Pharmaceutical companies can maximize their productivity, as the Bekaert filter system can be used in de-colorisation and catalyst recovery.

### Refinery

Bekaert filter systems can be designed to handle high flow rates in continuous operations typical in refinery applications.

Hot hydrocarbon streams such as FCCU slurry oil often require removal of catalysts and other particulate. Removal of catalyst fines and other particulate not only improve the oil product, it also improves downstream operating equipment by preventing fouling and reducing maintenance.



## Our filter elements and systems offer you the following advantages:

- **Resistance to high temperatures and corrosion**  
All our elements are resistant to high temperatures and/or corrosive environments, making them suitable for a wide range of applications.
- **High-strength filter elements**  
Sintering porous filter media at the molecular level, resulting in high mechanical resistance in compression and stress.
- **Totally enclosed**  
Backwashing filter elements reduce your operators' exposure to hazardous chemicals.
- **Ease of cleaning**  
You can easily free porous metal filters of particulate by using backwash cleaning methods – without scraping, scrubbing, or rotating filter elements. You can also remove contaminants with water, steam, air, solvents, caustic or acid washing, or with ultrasonic cleaning.
- **Minimal maintenance**  
Porous metal filters have no moving parts, so your maintenance procedures are simpler and less frequent.
- **Reduced spare parts expense**  
You seldom need to replace porous metal filter elements.
- **Waste minimisation**  
Cleanable filter elements eliminate the incineration or landfill costs that you have with disposable filters.
- **Single-stage filtration**  
You can often replace an entire series of process filtration steps with a single filter system.
- **Wide selection of filter media**  
We offer porous metal filter elements with the widest selection of filter media, in sintered powder or sintered fibres, ranging from standard 316L stainless steel to corrosion-resistant nickel and Hastelloy.



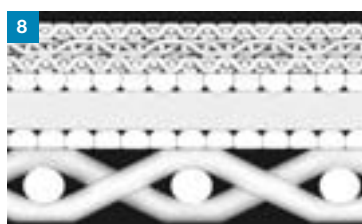
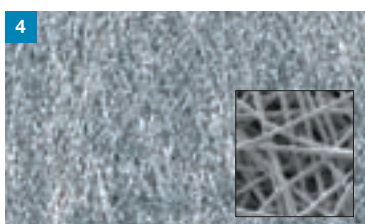
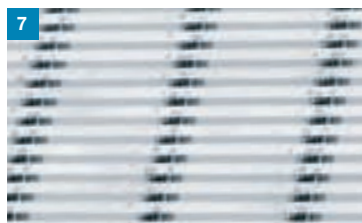
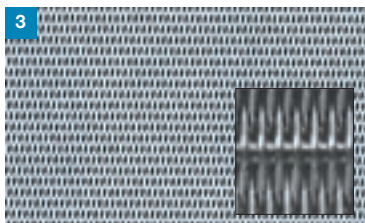
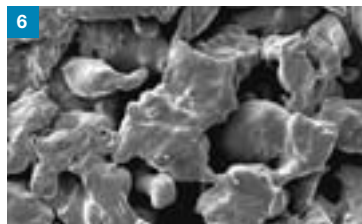
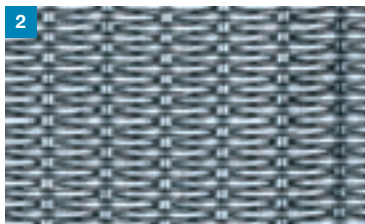
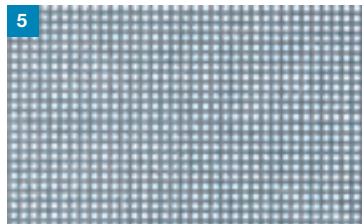
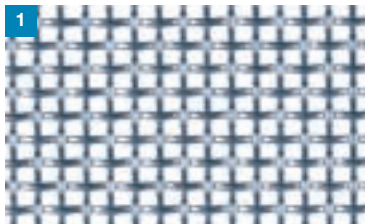
# Metallic Filter Media



Benefit from our complete variety of metallic filter media that can be cleaned and re-used. They resist to chemicals and mechanical wear, and have a maximum life span.

Supported by our 'Optilayer' simulation software, our team selects the filtering structure best suited to your product and application in order to:

- facilitate the flow through the medium
- provide a good lifetime
- guarantee a good cleaning condition



## Classical weave [1]

5 mm to 25  $\mu\text{m}$  abs.

## Dutch weave [2]

300 to 6  $\mu\text{m}$ .

## Multipor [3]

Surface filtration with high porosity (45%) (90 to 15  $\mu\text{m}$  abs.)

## Sintered metal fibres [4]

Available from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  down to 1  $\mu\text{m}$  abs.

## Perforated and micro-perforated sheets [5]

To 20  $\mu\text{m}$  abs.

## Sintered metal powders [6]

100 to 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$

## Wedge wire media [7]

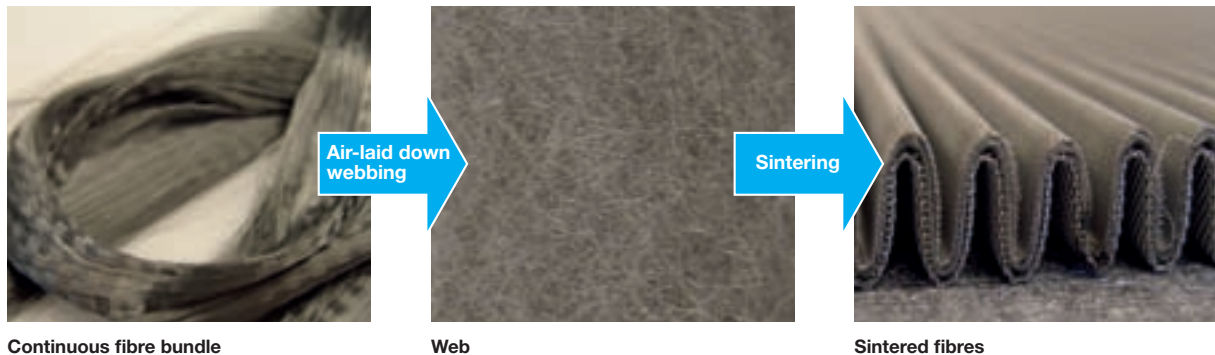
Available in different constructions and with openings as small as 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

## Sintered Mesh [8]

Laminate of several wire clothes. (2 layers and more)

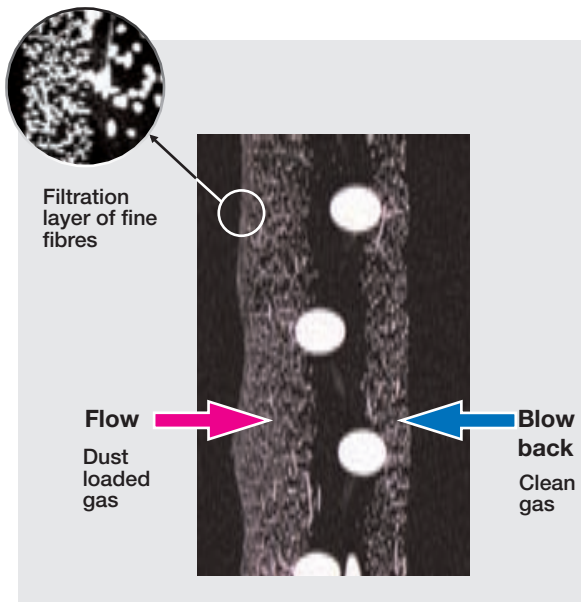
# From fibre to porous metal fibre media

**Bekaert Bekipor®: flexible and multi-functional**



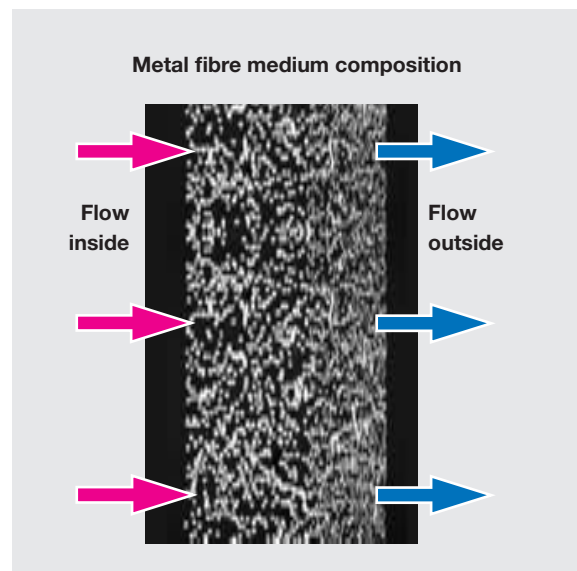
- A web is a composition of metal fibres, uniformly laid, to form a 3-dimensional non-woven porous web structure.
- Sintered fibres are a family of uniquely designed metal fibre media, produced by sintering of webs. This extremely porous, non-woven fibre matrix is available as a single or multiple layer structure. This metal fibre media is also available with woven screen mesh sintered to either one or both sides. Adding wire meshes increases the strength, protects the fibres, and allows cross-drainage between the medium and the perforated core structure. Beside standard compositions, we will develop for you any special compositions to meet your filtration requirements. Bekaert sintered fibre media can be used in liquid, gas and polymer filtration applications, for a wide range of filter ratings.

## Surface filtration



The filtration will go from fine fibres side to coarser fibres side. This will allow an easier blowback of the cake created on the surface.

## Depth filtration



The filtration will go from coarse fibres side to fine fibres side. This media have very high porosity (up to 90%) and high dirt holding capacity (D.H.C.).

## Wide choice of materials

In addition to 316L stainless steel, other metals and alloys are available to meet your special requirements, such as greater temperature and corrosion resistance.

Stainless Steel: 316L, 304L, 310, 347, 430 - Hastelloy® C-276, C-22, X, N, B, B2 - Inconel® 600, 625, 690 - Nickel 200 and Monel® 400 (70Ni - 30Cu) - Titanium - Alloy 20 and many others.

# Metallic Filter Elements



Our metallic filter elements can be cleaned and re-used - a great advantage! Our elements are used in most industries and with a wide variety of applications.



## Filter candles [1]

Here are a few key features:

- assembly by welding
- crimping or bonding
- pleated or non-pleated media
- maximum length without intermediary jointing
- different dimensions available



## Leaf discs [2]

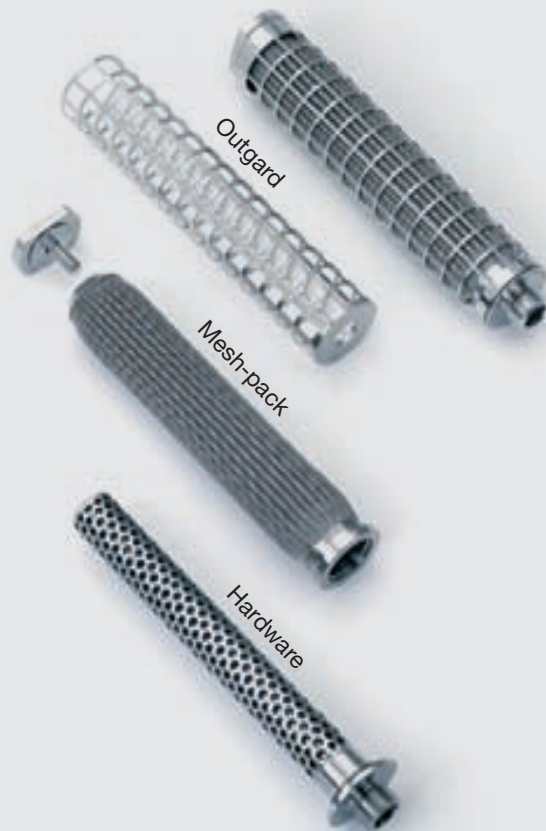
You may profitably replace a set of candles with a stack of filter discs for applications where fine filtration is linked to high operating pressures.

Most of these elements are using sintered metal fibres or sintered metal powder, but other media like Bekaert Multipor® can also be used.

Different sizes and hub configurations are available to meet your requirements

### Bekaert Removable Mesh Pack® [3]

This is an original patented design for a filter candle that can be dismantled. The sealing between the different parts is ensured by means of a metal sealing that provides 100 % guarantee down to 5 µm. You will realise big savings because you only need to replace the Mesh Pack (the filtering part of the candle) when the element can not be cleaned anymore.



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### Filter baskets [4]

Ideal for low-pressure filtration with the flow from the inside to outside. These can also be pleated to increase the filtration area.



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### Others [5]

Many other configurations (conical, cylindrical, etc.) and dimensions are also available. Ask us about your individual application and we will find the most adapted solution.

## Bekaert is always close to you

Being close to you is central to the Bekaert strategy. This means you can count on your local contacts who speak your language and are close to your business:

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Engineering and R&D capabilities.



Detailed inspection of the filter



Co-development is the key to our success

## Tailor made solutions for an ever better performance ....

### **From lab evaluations to design and construction**

Laboratory and on-site evaluations provide a sound base for filter design. Our mobile filter systems and on-site testing assistance make it possible to analyse your needs on the spot and configure our solution to your application.

### **Maximum precision**

Lab development  
Filter system design often begins at the Bekaert laboratories, where the results of small-scale runs are analysed using actual samples that you provide.

### **100% suited for the application**

Pilot-scale test  
The next step is a pilot-scale filter at your site to ensure compatibility with actual process conditions.

### **Run the calculation**

From basic to detailed engineering, the filter system will be designed to reach your process expectations.

### **Meet the needs completely**

Final product  
Once final operating conditions are determined, the full-scale production system is shipped and installed. Then, we audit and optimise your on-line performance.

**Our specialists are at your side to advise you...**

## How can your company benefit from Bekaert metal filter elements and systems?

This brochure explains why Bekaert metal filter elements and systems help you to improve your filter performance and reduce your total costs.

If you want to find out how these high quality fibres, elements and systems can work for you too, we are happy to advise.

Please contact your local Bekaert specialist. Their details are inside.

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